



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : **METHOD OF DETERMINING PHYSIOLOGICAL
EFFECTS OF HEMOGLOBIN**

Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

This communication is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 30, 2004, which was issued in connection with the above-identified application. A petition to extend the due date for responding to the Restriction Requirement to September 30, 2004 and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) for a small entity accompanies this response.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action dated June 30, 2004 included a restriction/election requirement set forth as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-2 and 28, drawn to method of determining the physiological effects of a composition comprising hemoglobin, classified in class 436, subclass 66.

Group II: Claim 3, drawn to delivering NO to tissue by administering dinitrosyl iron complex of hemoglobin, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.

Group III: Claims 4-6, drawn to method of producing S-nitrosohemoglobin using